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1. DURING LAST FEW DAYS NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) SPOKESMEN HAVE CONTINUED THEIR ATTACKS ON THE SENIOR COALITION PARTNER, THE JUSTIC PARTY (JP). THE PRESS OCTOBER 25 CARRIED REPORTS, PERHAPS INSPIRED BY NSP, THAT JP IS OPERATING WITHOUT GOVERNMENT (I.E. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS) APPROVAL IN COMMENCING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON THE STATUS OF COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS (CDI'S). UNNAMED MFA SOURCES DENIED THIS CONTENTION, BUT SAID
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DEMIREL WILL NEVERTHELESS CALL A MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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THIS WEEK TO DISPEL THE RUMOR.

2. NSP CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY PRIMIN ERBAKAN DENIED THAT HIS ATTEMPTS TO GAIN FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF COALITION PROTOCOLS (ANKARA 7913) COULD BE CONSIDERED A THREAT TO COALITION. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS HE SAID, "THE NSP HAS FULFILLED THE DUTIES EXPECTED OF IT BY THE NATION. IT IS VERY NATURAL TO DEMAND IMPLEMENTATION OF POINTS IN THE PROTOCOL WHICH ARE NOT APPLIED. THE COALITION CANNOT BE DESTROYED BY USING THIS DEMAND AS A PRETEXT." HE ALSO SAID THERE WAS NO NEED FOR EARLY ELECTIONS AND THE NSP WANTED THE COALITION TO WORK HARMONIOUSLY. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTS ERBAKAN AND DEMIREL WILL MEET THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS NSP COMPLAINTS.

3. IN APPARENT CONTRADICTION WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY, ERBAKAN, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH A GERMAN NEWS AGENCY, SAID NSP IS NOT OPPOSED TO TALKS WITH U.S. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CDI'S, BUT IT WAS OPPOSED TO THE REOPENING OF THE CDI'S UNDER THE CONDITIONS THAT PREVAILED PRIOR TO THEIR CLOSING, HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "IF A BALANCE EMERGES WHICH IS IN KEEPING WITH OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS, WE WILL TAKE A DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO REOPEN THE BASES CONSIDERING THAT BALANCE." ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS ERBAKAN REPEATED HIS PREVIOUS UNCOMPROMISING POSITION THAT THERE CAN BE NO CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS. "TURKISH CITIES LIKE MORPHOU, FAMAGUSTA AND VAROSHA CANNOT POSSIBLY BE RELINQUISHED TO THE GREEKS."

4. IN REACTION TO NSP PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONCERNING NON-FULFILLMENT OF THE COALITION PROTOCOLS, THE JP HAS GENERALLY REFRAINED FROM DIRECT RESPONSES. HOWEVER, JP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN YILDIRIM ABANDONED THIS TACTIC IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED THIS WEEKEND IN THE LOCAL NEWS MAGAZINE YANKI. YILDIRIM CRITICIZED ERBAKAN FOR HIS HARDLINE STATEMENTS ON CYPRUS. HE SAID ERBAKAN'S ASSERTION THAT TURKEY COULD NOT GIVE CONCESSIONS "ON OCCUPIED LAND" CREATED THE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT CYPRUS HAD BEEN INVADED. YILDIRIM SIAD, "TURKEY HAS NOT INVADED LAND IN THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF CYPRUS. AS ANNEXATION OF LAND IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, THE ARGUMENTS OVER CONCESSIONS ON THIS TOPIC ARE MEANINGLESS." IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, YILDIRIM SAID, "IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE NSP WILL NOT SAY YES TO ANY SOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPURS.
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IN THIS SITUATION IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WILL PROBABLY REMAIN IN SUSPENSION."

5. IN RESPONSE TO NSP CRITICISM OF FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WOULD BEGIN OCTOBER 28, YILDIRIM STATED THAT EVERY PROBLEM DID NOT REQUIRE A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECISION. "THERE ARE SUBJECTS THAT REQUIRE APPROVAL OF ALL THE MINISTERS, THERE ARE SOME THAT A SINGLE

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MINISTER TAKES CARE OF. BY CREATING INCIDENTS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT THE NSP IS EMPLOYING THE TACTIC OF TRYING TO PLACE THE BLAME FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT ON OTHERS. THIS IS NOT A TACTIC WHICH WILL GAIN PRESTIGE FOR THEM." YILDIRIM SAID THE UNFULFILLED COALITION PROTOCOLS THAT NSP COMPLAINED ABOUT WERE THE RESULT OF FAILURES OF THE NSP MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY RATHER THAN THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT. YILDIRIM CONCLUDED, "BASICALLY THE NSP WILL NOT RISK LEAVING THIS GOVERNMENT."

6. CONTINUING THE INTRA-COALITION SNIPING, NSP MINISTER OF JUSTICE MUFTUOGLU IS QUOTED IN OCT. 28 MILLIYET SAYING, "UNTIL THE EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY IS FULLY LIFTED THE SUBJECT OF BASES CANNOT BE DISCUSSED. THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT DECISION FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATINGS WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE MEETINGS CAGLAYANGIL IS HAVING CAN BE NOTHING MORE THAN A CHAT."

7. COMMENT: THIS CONTINUING HIGHLY PUBLICIZED CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES OF THE COALITION MAY NOT RESULT IN DISSOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUT IT WILL INEVITABLY TAKE ITS TOLL. THE NSP, TRYING TO GAIN IN A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN WHAT IT FAILED TO GAIN AT THE POLLS OCTOBER 12, WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO SNIPE AT THE JP WHENEVER IT SEES AN OPPORTUNITY. THE JP WILL PROBABLY IGNORE WHAT IT CAN, COMPROMISE WHEN IT MUST AND TRY TO KEEP THE COALITION TOGETHER. IT MAY SUCCEED, BUT IF THIS PUBLIC QUARREL IS NOT SOMEHOW BROUGHT UND ER
CONTROL, THE RESULT WILL BE A PROGRESSIVELY WEAKENED GOVERNMENT LACKING SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE DECISIONS WHICH MUST BE MADE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND ON TURKEY'S FUTURE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES.
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